

ITEM NO: 13

SUBJECT: PRECIS OF SELECTED CORRESPONDENCE, 19/02/2008

FILE NO: C00680

Recommendation:

That the Précis of Selected Correspondence be received and appropriate letters forwarded where necessary.

1. 22 June 2008 – 278 petitioners (Attachment 1)

Residents of the Blue Mountains requesting that the Council not proceed to reclassify, rezone and sell for residential development the site of the four tennis courts at 15 Churchill Street, Springwood and urging the Council to set in process public consultation in order to assess the most appropriate future recreation use for the site.

2. 8 July 2008 – 57 petitioners

Protesting against the proposed removal of the large gum trees on the western boundary of Windbourne Rd directly behind (East of) the Hazelbrook Uniting Church and calling on BMCC and the RTA to develop a more sympathetic and less intrusive widening for the intersection of Windbourne Road and Falcon Street, Hazelbrook.

3. 14 July 2008 – 289 petitioners (additional to item 1) (Attachment 2)

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4. 24 July 2008 – 1250 petitioners (Attachment 3)

Petitioning the Council to call a community meeting to discuss the parking and traffic problems in and around the Leura Village in view of the approval of the development on the former Colless site that:

1. Contravenes BMCC's own 'Car Parking Code';
2. Permits the removal of 11 existing car spaces from the public car park;
3. Allows heavy duty vehicles to access the public car park via the car park exit.

5. 28 July 2008 – Letter to Mr Koperberg (Attachment 4)

Seeking assistance with funding from the State Government for additional pre-poll facilities as per the Council Resolution of 15 July 2008 – Minute No. 569.

Attachment 1

ENTERED
DATE BY

PETITION

General Manager
12.11.66
Katoomba.

File No.	
Recd Records	24 JUN 2008 DMCC
REFER	G.M.C.C. P. Adams
HERITAGE	REC No.

To Lewin St
Springwood
2777
22-6-08

Dear Mr Pinyon ^{Chairman} (278 signatures Encl.)
There are many residents of this part of our City who remember & still question the process followed by this Council in efforts to reclassify & remove the old tennis court site in Churchill Place for it to be sold for housing.

True, the required Public Enquiry was held. The meetings were well attended & I would estimate a hundred attended the night one, with all but one person voting to have the site kept for recreation.

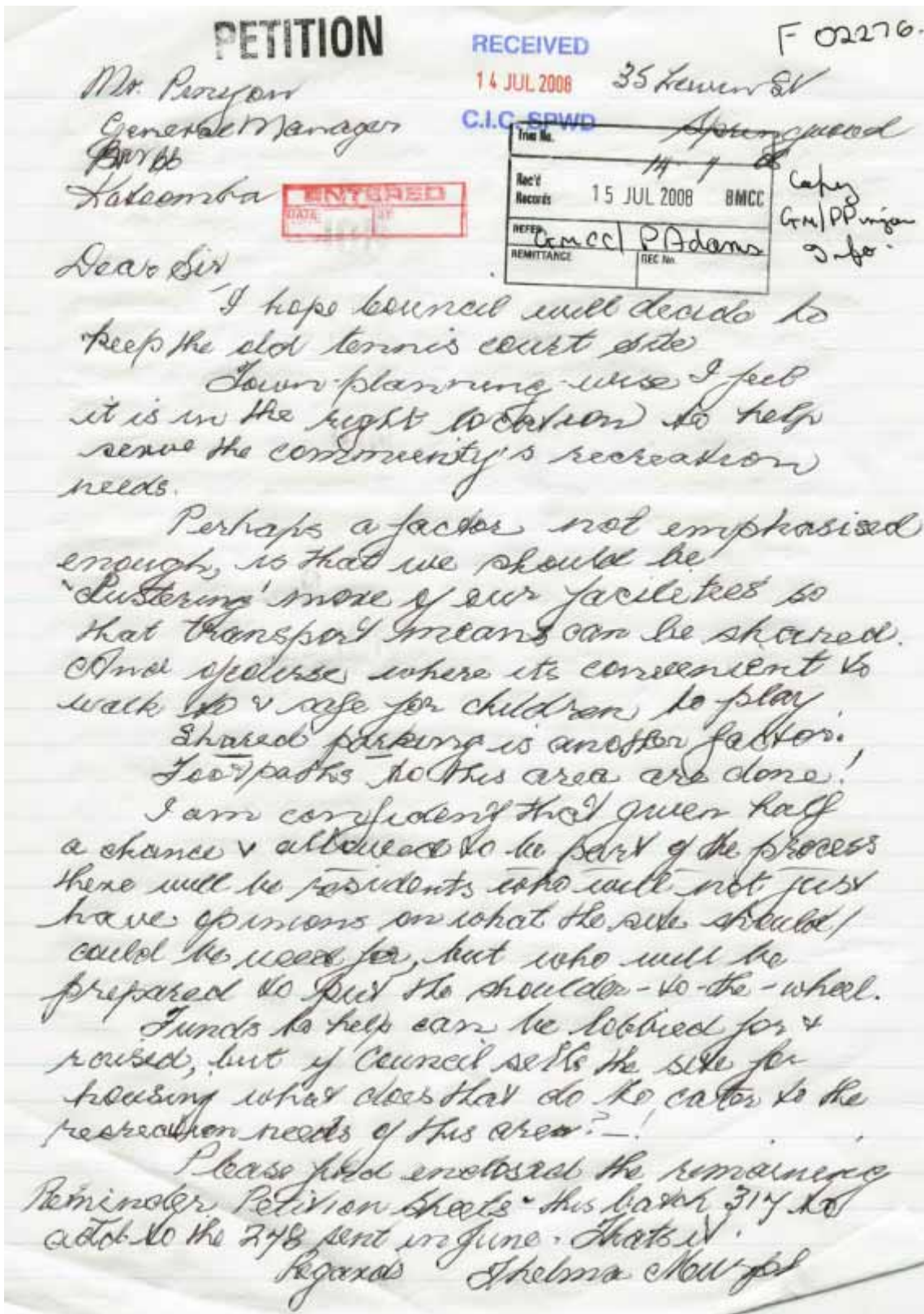
It is a wonder that in due course the recommendation from Mr Pickles was that this area continue as recreation space!

Myself along with other residents have felt justified in making representations to the Department of Planning on this issue.

Such is the need of this area for recreation space in good location, close to schools & transport, & now adjacent to the well used Sport & Aquatics Centre & (not forgetting it being part of the Buttenbrow Park precinct) that its sale for housing would be ill-advised. Certainly not the good town planning we should be expecting from Council!

Since the Department has requested Council to have further discussions on this issue can we, the community participate? The first of a new batch of Petition sheets enclosed show we still care! 278 signatures Yours sincerely, Thelma Murphy.

Attachment 2



Attachment 3



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For information end/or Preced
DIRECTOR *Nick Scamlati*

Blue Mountains City Council
Katoomba
NSW 2780

PETITION

24th July 2008

Attention Of Mr. Phil Pinyon - General Manager

Trin No.	
Rec'd Records	25 JUL 2008 BMCC
REF: <i>LM</i>	<i>P Pinyon</i>
REMITTANCE	FILE NO.

RE Car Parking in Leura Village

RECEIVED	
DATE	BY

Dear Mr. Pinyon,

We attach our petition bearing approx 1250 signatures requesting a community meeting to discuss the parking and traffic flow problems in the precincts of Leura Village.

Both the LVA and LCA are happy to offer any assistance to council with regard to the meeting and information pertaining to solutions for the short and long term. The petition response from residents has been very supportive, but has also expressed revealed the general dismay and a deep concern at what is happening in their village, and there is a definite perception of long term parking problems. There is certainly a surge of residents with many questions. May we ask that you suggest a date in August to initiate a community meeting?

We look forward to an early response, as this is a matter of urgency for both the Leura community and visitors to this beautiful village.

Yours Faithfully

Graham Gawne
President Leura Village Association

John Hockney
President Leura Community Alliance

c/o 6 Vale Street Leura nsw 2780 Tel: 47843703 email: jhockney@tpg.com.au

Attachment 4

Office of the General Manager

Reference File: F02653
Doc' 08/68524

28 July 2008

Mr Phil Koperberg
Shop 3, 107-109 Macquarie Road
SPRINGWOOD NSW 2777

Dear Mr Koperberg

PRE-POLL FACILITIES IN 2008 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

At the 15 July 2008 Council Meeting, it was resolved:

That Council write to the State Member for Blue Mountains, Phil Koperberg seeking funding from the State Government to cover the costs of the pre-poll in Springwood.

As you are no doubt aware the State Electoral Commission is conducting the 2008 Local Government Elections. This will be the first time that the Blue Mountains City Council is not responsible for conducting the election. Our costs have been estimated at \$386,500, a significant increase from the \$140,000 that the 2004 election cost the Council.

The increased cost also comes with a decrease in some service areas. At the 2004 election there were three pre-poll facilities, including the Returning Officer accommodation. This year there is one pre-poll facility planned at the Returning Officer accommodation in Katoomba. If there are to be further pre-poll facilities in the Blue Mountains LGA, the Council has been advised that it needs to pay for those as additional services.

The Council would appreciate your support in seeking assistance with funding from the State Government for additional pre-poll facilities as per the Council resolution at both Springwood and Blaxland.

If you need further information on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 47805518

Yours sincerely

PHIL PINYON
General Manager